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# A Simple Two-Phase Critical Flow Model for Long Pipes



### Abstract

A simple two-phase critical flow model is developed for estimating flashing flow rates through breaches in vessels or pipeworks. The model considers both subcooled and saturated conditions. The model has been tested against an extensive set of data from critical flow experiments with water as the test fluid. In addition, comparison of the predictions with other theoretical models is made. Results show that present model adequately predicts flashing flow rates through long pipes or large L/D geometries.

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| nozzle, slit -        |                  | 가                            |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| ,                     | [1]. Richter [2] | general drift flux (GSL) [1] |
| space-dependent model | ,                | Marviken [3]                 |
| alit                  | [1].             |                              |
| [4,5].                |                  |                              |
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$$G^* \equiv \frac{G_c}{G_{ref}} \tag{1}$$

$$\Delta T_{sub}^* = \frac{T_{sat} - T_o}{T_{sat} - T_{ref}}$$
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$$G_{ref} = (C_d)_{ref} \cdot \left[ 2 \mathbf{r}_{ref} \left( P_o - P_b \right) \right]^{0.5}$$
(3)

$$(C_d)_{ref} = \left(1 + K + f\frac{L}{D}\right)_{ref}^{-0.5}$$
(4)

$$G_{ref}$$
  $(C_d)_{ref}$   $(P_o P_b) T_{ref} = 20 \ ^{\circ}C$   
(discharge coefficient) .

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[4,5]:

 $G^*$  7  $\Delta T^*_{sub}$ 

$$G^{*} = 1 - \frac{15.2}{1 + \exp[(\Delta T_{sub}^{*} + 0.578)/0.188]}$$
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(5)

$$G_{c} = (C_{d})_{ref} \left[ 2 \mathbf{r} (P_{o} - P_{b}) \right]_{ref}^{0.5} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{15.2}{1 + \exp\left[ (\Delta T_{sub}^{*} + 0.578) / 0.188 \right]} \right)$$
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$$G_{TP} = \left[\frac{1 - x_o}{G_{x_o=0}^3} + \frac{x_o}{G_{x_o=1}^3}\right]^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$
(7)

$$G_{x_{o}=0} , 6 \qquad \Delta T^{*}_{sub} = 0.0$$

$$: G_{x_{o}=1} = C_{dg} \left\{ \left(\frac{2k}{k-1}\right) \left(\frac{P_{o}}{v_{o}}\right) \left[ \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^{\frac{2}{k-1}} - \left(\frac{2}{k-1}\right)^{\frac{k+1}{k-1}} \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$C_{dg} .$$

$$(8)$$

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$$\mathbf{s} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(X_i - \overline{X})^2}{n-1}\right)^{0.5} \times 100 \ \%$$
(10)

$$X_{i} = \left(\frac{G_{exp} - G_{corr}}{G_{exp}}\right)_{i} \times 100 \quad \%$$

$$G_{exp} \qquad G_{corr} \qquad ,$$

$$(11)$$

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Table 1. Predictions of the subcooled inlet critical flow data with the Park model

| Experiment                        | Pressure<br>(MPa) | Hydraulic<br>Diameter,<br>D (mm) | Flow<br>Length,<br><i>L</i> (mm) | L/D                     | No. of<br>Data |       | s<br>(%) | Remarks                             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Amos et. al. <sup>[6]</sup>       | 4.1 ~ 16.2        | 0.25 ~ 0.76                      | 63.5                             | > 83                    | 72             | - 4.4 | 10.4     | Slit<br>Down Flow                   |
| Ardron et al. <sup>[8]</sup>      | 0.2 ~ 0.4         | 26.3                             | 1,015                            | 38.6                    | 31             | 18.5  | 12.1     | Tube<br>Horizontal                  |
| Boivin <sup>[9]</sup>             | 2.0 ~ 10.1        | 12~50                            | 700 ~<br>2,305                   | > 37                    | 21             | - 7.6 | 11.4     | Tube<br>Horizontal                  |
| Celata et. al. <sup>[10]</sup>    | 0.8 ~ 2.3         | 4.6                              | 46 ~<br>1,380                    | > 10                    | 60             | - 3.2 | 6.0      | Tube<br>Down Flow                   |
| Fincke et al. [11]                | 0.1 ~ 0.3         | 18.28                            | 216                              | 11.8                    | 92             | - 2.4 | 3.3      | Tube<br>Horizontal                  |
| Jeandey et. al. <sup>[12]</sup>   | 2.0~12.0          | 20.13                            | 363                              | 18.0                    | 88             | - 2.4 | 6.8      | Tube<br>Up Flow                     |
| John et. al. <sup>[7]</sup>       | 4.0 ~ 14.0        | 0.41 ~ 1.28                      | 46.0                             | > 35                    | 57             | 2.5   | 9.9      | Slit<br>Down Flow                   |
| Marviken <sup>[3]</sup>           | 2.0 ~ 5.0         | 200,<br>300,<br>500              | > 590<br>> 511<br>> 730          | > 2.9<br>> 1.7<br>> 1.5 | 386            | 1.0   | 5.7      | Transient<br>Pipe<br>Down Flow      |
| Super<br>Mobydick <sup>[13]</sup> | 3.0 ~ 10.0        | 5.2<br>15.5                      | 76<br>156                        | 14.6<br>10              | 28<br>28       | -1.6  | 5.6      | Tube<br>Up Flow                     |
| Reocreux <sup>[14]</sup>          | 0.21~0.34         | 20                               | 2,335                            | 117                     | 39             | - 1.8 | 5.9      | Tube<br>Up Flow                     |
| Seynhaeve <sup>[15]</sup>         | 0.3 ~ 1.0         | 12.5                             | 541                              | 43.3                    | 57             | - 2.0 | 6.7      | Tube<br>Up Flow                     |
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup>     | 6.2               | 28                               | 228.5                            | -                       | 2              | 3.2   | 5.8      | Transient,<br>Venturi<br>Horizontal |
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup>     | 5.7 ~ 7.0         | 12.7                             | 108 ~<br>1,778                   | > 5                     | 149            | - 0.9 | 10.5     | Transient,<br>Tube,<br>Horizontal   |
| Park <sup>[4]</sup>               | 0.5~2.0           | 1.0 ~ 7.15                       | 40~400                           | >11                     | 174            | - 2.4 | 5.8      | Tube<br>Horizontal                  |

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| Experiment                        | Pressure<br>(MPa) | Hydraulic<br>Diameter,<br>D (mm) | Flow<br>Length,<br><i>L</i> ( <i>mm</i> ) | <i>L/D</i><br>for<br>Tube | No. of<br>Data |       | s<br>(%) | Remarks                             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Super<br>Mobydick <sup>[13]</sup> | 3.0 ~ 10.0        | 5.2,<br>15.5                     | 76<br>156                                 | 14.6<br>10                | 9<br>20        | -0.4  | 9.6      | Tube<br>Up Flow                     |
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup>     | 2.7~7.0           | 12.7                             | 108 ~<br>1,778                            | > 5.0                     | 228            | 0.6   | 8.0      | Transient,<br>Tube<br>Horizontal    |
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup>     | 6.3 ~ 6.9         | 54                               | 1,112                                     | -                         | 4              | -12.6 | 3.9      | Transient,<br>Venturi<br>Horizontal |
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup>     | 6.5 ~ 6.7         | 76.2                             | 1,076                                     | -                         | 3              | -19.3 | 5.3      | Transient,<br>Venturi<br>Horizontal |
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup>     | 6.8               | 28                               | 228.5                                     | -                         | 3              | 4.2   | 8.5      | Transient,<br>Venturi<br>Horizontal |

 Table 2.
 Predictions of the two-phase inlet critical flow data with the Park model



Fig. 1. Comparison between the model predictions and the test data in Table 2

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space-dependent model . Moody model [18], Henry-Fauske model [19], Homogeneous Equilibrium model (HEM) [1] , space-dependent model [20], Richter model [2], general drift flux (GSL) model [1] .

Table 3. Selected subcooled inlet critical flow data for the analytic models

| Experiment | Pressure<br>(MPa) | Hydraulic<br>Diameter,<br>D (mm) | Flow<br>Length,<br><i>L</i> ( <i>mm</i> ) | L/D | No. of<br>Data | Remarks |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----|----------------|---------|
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| Ardron et al. <sup>[8]</sup>        | 0.2 ~ 0.4   | 26.3  | 1,015 | 38.6 | 31 | Tube                                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Boivin - 1 <sup>[9]</sup>           | 2.0~10.1    | 12    | 700   | 58.3 | 10 | Rounded Entrance<br>Tube + Diffuser |
|                                     |             |       |       |      |    | Horizontal                          |
| Boivin – 2 <sup>[9]</sup>           | 2.0~10.1    | 30    | 2,305 | 76.8 | 6  | Rounded Entrance<br>Tube + Diffuser |
|                                     |             |       |       |      |    | Horizontal                          |
| Boivin – 3 <sup>[9]</sup>           | 2.0~10.1    | 50    | 2240  | 44.8 | 5  | Rounded Entrance<br>Tube + Diffuser |
|                                     |             |       |       |      |    | Horizontal                          |
| Fincke et al. <sup>[11]</sup>       | 0.1 ~ 0.3   | 18.28 | 216   | 11.8 | 92 | Tube + Diffuser<br>Horizontal       |
| Jeandey et. al. – 1 <sup>[12]</sup> | 2.0~12.0    | 20.13 | 363   | 18.0 | 15 | Nozzle + Tube<br>Up Flow            |
| Jeandey et. al 2 [12]               | 2.0 ~ 12.0  | 20.13 | 363   | 18.0 | 73 | Nozzle + Tube<br>Up Flow            |
| Reocreux <sup>[14]</sup>            | 0.21 ~ 0.34 | 20    | 2,335 | 117  | 28 | Tube + Diffuser<br>Up Flow          |
| Seynhaeve – 1 <sup>[15]</sup>       | 0.3 ~ 1.0   | 12.5  | 541   | 43.3 | 26 | Tube + Diffuser<br>Up Flow          |
| Seynhaeve – 2 <sup>[15]</sup>       | 0.3 ~ 1.0   | 12.5  | 541   | 43.3 | 31 | Tube + Tube<br>Up Flow              |

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space-dependent model 가 Elias et al. [1] Richter model GSL model 가 가 . Richter model [2] GSL model [1] 가 Table 4 가 Fig. 3 4 (Space-dependent model Elias et al. [1] ). space-dependent model 가 GSL model [1] .

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Table 4. Selected critical flow data for model comparison

| Experiment                    | Pressure<br>(MPa) | Hydraulic<br>Diameter,<br>D (mm) | Flow<br>Length,<br>L (mm) | L/D | No. of<br>Data | Remarks   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|----------------|---|
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup> | 5.7 ~ 6.9         | 12.7                             | 108                       | 8.5 | 23             | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded<br>Convergent + tube,<br>Horizontal |

|                               |           |      |       |       |    | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|----|-----------------------|
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup> | 5.8~6.8   | 12.7 | 159   | 12.4  | 15 | Convergent + tube,    |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | Horizontal            |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded |
| Sozzi et. al. [16]            | 6.3 ~ 6.9 | 12.7 | 235   | 18.5  | 12 | Convergent + tube,    |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | Horizontal            |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded |
| Sozzi et. al. [16]            | 6.0 ~ 7.0 | 12.7 | 273   | 21.5  | 22 | Convergent + tube,    |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | Horizontal            |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded |
| Sozzi et. al. [16]            | 5.7~6.8   | 12.7 | 362   | 28.5  | 19 | Convergent + tube,    |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | Horizontal            |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded |
| Sozzi et. al. [16]            | 6.0 ~ 6.8 | 12.7 | 553   | 43.5  | 13 | Convergent + tube,    |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | Horizontal            |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded |
| Sozzi et. al. [16]            | 6.4 ~ 6.9 | 12.7 | 679   | 53.5  | 96 | Convergent + tube,    |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | Horizontal            |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | No. 2 Nozzle, Rounded |
| Sozzi et. al. <sup>[16]</sup> | 6.1 ~ 6.9 | 12.7 | 1,823 | 143.5 | 81 | Convergent + tube,    |
|                               |           |      |       |       |    | Horizontal            |
| S1 [16]                       |           | 12.7 | 105   | 10.0  | 22 | No. 3 Nozzle, Tube,   |
| Sozzi et. al. 189             | 0.0~0.9   | 12.7 | 195   | 18.9  | 23 | Horizontal            |
| S1 [16]                       |           | 12.7 | 222   | 20.0  | 24 | No. 3 Nozzle, Tube,   |
| Sozzi et. al. 189             | 0.0~0.9   | 12.7 | 322   | 28.9  | 24 | Horizontal            |
| Segri et al [16]              | 61 60     | 12.7 | 512   | 43.0  | 24 | No. 3 Nozzle, Tube,   |
| Sozzi et. al. 125             | 0.1~0.9   | 12.7 | 515   | 43.9  | 24 | Horizontal            |
| Segri et al [16]              | 60.60     | 12.7 | 640   | 53.0  | 17 | No. 3 Nozzle, Tube,   |
| Suzzi et. al. 125             | 0.0~0.9   | 12.7 | 040   | 53.9  | 1/ | Horizontal            |

 Table 5.
 Predictions of all the data in Table 3 using the Park and analytic models

| Madal                                    | Мо    | ody  | Henry-Fauske |      | HEM   |      | Park  |      |
|--|-------|------|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Model                                    | Mean  | S    | Mean         | S    | Mean  | S    | Mean  | S    |
| Ardron et al. <sup>[8]</sup>             | 21.5  | 23.8 | 6.5          | 22.3 | 76.2  | 12.4 | 18.5  | 12.1 |
| Bovin – 1 <sup>[9]</sup>                 | -18.8 | 11.0 | -50.0        | 17.2 | -5.3  | 5.7  | -4.4  | 7.5  |
| Bovin – 2 <sup>[9]</sup>                 | -41.0 | 17.0 | -75.2        | 15.7 | -14.4 | 27.9 | -12.6 | 18.9 |
| Bovin – 3 <sup>[9]</sup>                 | -3.5  | 7.8  | -28.6        | 12.1 | 8.3   | 9.6  | -0.2  | 4.6  |
| Fincke et al. <sup>[11]</sup>            | -2.9  | 2.9  | -1.8         | 2.5  | -2.9  | 2.9  | -2.4  | 3.3  |
| Jeandey et al. –1 <sup>[12]</sup>        | -12.0 | 1.8  | -28.2        | 13.1 | -3.9  | 10.4 | -5.4  | 5.0  |
| <b>Jeandey et al.</b> –2 <sup>[12]</sup> | -8.1  | 9.3  | -29.3        | 16.3 | 7.6   | 12.4 | -1.8  | 7.0  |
| Reocreux <sup>[14]</sup>                 | -65.7 | 10.8 | -84.0        | 26.4 | -68.0 | 12.0 | -1.4  | 6.3  |

| Seynhaeve – 1 <sup>[15]</sup> | -12.8 | 3.5 | -24.0 | 12.3 | -11.2 | 3.3 | -1.8 | 6.3 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| Seynhaeve – 2 <sup>[15]</sup> | -9.4  | 5.5 | -25.1 | 12.1 | -8.9  | 5.9 | -2.2 | 7.2 |



Fig. 2. Comparison of calculated relative mean differences and standard deviations between the model and the analytic models for the data in Table 4



Fig. 3. Comparison of calculated relative mean differences and standard deviations

between the model and the space-dependent models for subcooled inlet data in Table 4



Fig. 4. Comparison of calculated relative mean differences and standard deviations between the model and the space-dependent models for the two-phase inlet data in Table 4

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|------------|--------------------------|--|---|----------|------------------|
| 가          | , フト<br>flashing         |  | , |          | <i>L/D</i><br>フト |
| (1)<br>(2) | 0.25 - 76.2 mm<br>200 mm | , <i>L/D</i> 7ト 8<br><i>L/D</i> 7ト 1.5 | , | フト 40 mm |                  |

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### Nomenclature

| $(C_d)_{ref}$      | discharge coefficient evaluated at 20 $^{\circ}C$                  |
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| $C_{dg}$           | discharge coefficient of pure vapor                                |
| D                  | diameter, mm   |
| f                  | friction factor  |
| G                  | mass flux, $kg/m^2 \cdot s$  |
| $G_{c}$            | critical mass flux, $kg/m^2 \cdot s$                               |
| $G_{ref}$          | mass flux evaluated at 20 °C, $kg/m^2 \cdot s$                     |
| $G_{TP}$           | critical mass flux of two-phase inlet conditions, $kg/m^2 \cdot s$ |
| $G^*$              | dimensionless mass flux, $G_c/G_{ref}$                             |
| Κ                  | pipe entrance loss coefficient                                     |
| k                  | ratio of specific heats  |
| L                  | (total) length of test section, mm                                 |
| n                  | number of data   |
| P                  | pressure, MPa  |
| $P_{b}$            | back pressure, MPa   |
| $P_o$              | stagnation pressure, MPa   |
| T                  | temperature, $^{\circ}C$   |
| $T_{o}$            | stagnation temperature, $^{\circ}C$                                |
| $T_{ref}$          | reference temperature, 20 $^{\circ}C$                              |
| $\Delta T_{sub}$   | subcooling, °C   |
| $\Delta T^*_{sub}$ | dimensionless subcooling, $(T_{sat} - T_o)/(T_{sat} - T_{ref})$    |
| v <sub>o</sub>     | specific volume of steam, $m^3/kg$                                 |
| $x_o$              | quality  |
| r                  | density of water, $kg/m^3$   |
| Subscri            | pt   |
| b                  | receiver system  |
| С                  | critical   |
| 0                  | stagnation condition   |
| ref                | values at 20 $^{\circ}C$   |
| sat                | saturation condition   |
| TP                 | two-phase condition  |
| $x_o = 0$          | saturated water  |
| $x_{o} = 1$        | all vapor  |

Superscript

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